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Authorization to Expend Funds to Cover Los Angeles County's Participation in the 10th Annual Taste of Soul Family Festival

The 10th annual Taste of Soul Family Festival will be held on October 17, 2015 in the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw District. This large event draws over 200,000 community participants each year, featuring family-friendly entertainment, food and merchandise vendors, and cultural exhibits.

A number of Los Angeles County ("County") departments will participate this year to recruit members of this diverse gathering for a variety of social services provided by County departments. The event also provides an opportunity to outreach to under-served populations and to showcase the variety of careers and services offered by the County, one of the largest employers in this region.

This year, the County departments will be housed in a pavilion to provide information on jobs and employment, health and mental health services, voter registration, veterans' services, affordable housing, public safety, community services including parks and libraries, disaster preparedness, and other key services. Given that this event will facilitate the

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provision of a wide range of critical social services, it is appropriate that the County provide compensation for its use of the event facilities.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to allocate \$100,000 for the Taste of Soul event, and to prepare any necessary documents or agreements with the event sponsors for the above purposes, subject to approval by County Counsel as to form, if needed.

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